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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fourth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 20 September to 8 October 1993. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 20 September 1993, at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the fourth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 32 of the provisional rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 8, containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its fourth session.

5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure, met for a period of one week at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 28 June to 2 July 1993.

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

Item 1. Opening of the session by the representative of the Secretary-General

1. The fourth session of the Committee will be opened by the representative of the Secretary-General, who will preside over the meeting until the election of the Chairperson of the Committee.

Item 2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee

2. In accordance with rule 15 of the provisional rules of procedure, the members of the Committee elected at the Third Meeting of the States parties to the Convention on 23 February 1993 will make the following solemn declaration in open meeting:

> "I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously."

Item 3. Election of the officers of the Committee

3. In accordance with article 43, paragraph 9 of the Convention and rules 16 and 17 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee shall elect from among its members a chairperson, three vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur. The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years.

Item 4. Adoption of the agenda

4. Under rule 8 of the provisional rules of procedure, the adoption of the agenda for any session shall follow the election of officers when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent or important items may be added to the agenda.

Item 5. Organizational and other matters

5. Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

Item 6. Review of developments relevant to the work of the Committee, including:

(a) Action by the Secretariat pursuant to decisions adopted by the Committee at its previous sessions;

(b) Action by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-ninth session and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its forty-fifth session;

(c) Developments in other human rights treaty monitoring bodies.

6. Under this item, the Committee will be provided with information on action taken pursuant to recommendations adopted by the Committee at its third session.

7. Additionally, the Rapporteur will inform the Committee about developments relevant to its work that have occurred since the preceding session. The Committee will also be briefed about developments relating to other human rights treaty monitoring bodies.

8. The Committee will have before it:

(i) A note by the Secretariat containing relevant information about action taken by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, by the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-eighth session, and other activities relevant to the work of the Committee;

(ii) General Assembly resolutions 47/111, 47/112 and 47/126;

(iii) Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1993/16, 1993/78, 1993/79, 1993/80, 1993/81, 1993/82 and 1993/83.

Item 7. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention

9. Initial reports under article 44 were due in 1992 from the 57 States parties listed in document CRC/C/3. Under rule 67 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. Accordingly, the 38 States parties whose initial reports were due in 1992 but had not been received as at 15 July 1993 are listed below:

State party	Date on which initial report was due
Bangladesh	1 September 1992
Belize	1 September 1992
Benin	1 September 1992
Bhutan	1 September 1992
Ecuador	1 September 1992
Ghana	1 September 1992
Guatemala	1 September 1992
Guinea	1 September 1992
Holy See	1 September 1992
Kenya	1 September 1992
Mauritius	1 September 1992
Mongolia	1 September 1992
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1 September 1992
Senegal	1 September 1992
Sierra Leone	1 September 1992
Togo	1 September 1992
Gambia	6 September 1992
Uganda	15 September 1992

State party	Date on which initial report was due
Guinea-Bissau	18 September 1992
Philippines	19 September 1992
Seychelles	6 October 1992
Zimbabwe	10 October 1992
Venezuela	12 October 1992
Nepal	13 October 1992
Mali	19 October 1992
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	20 October 1992
Portugal	20 October 1992
Brazil	23 October 1992
Paraguay	24 October 1992
Zaire	26 October 1992
Malta	29 October 1992
Niger	29 October 1992
Chad	31 October 1992
Nicaragua	3 November 1992
Barbados	7 November 1992
Burundi	17 November 1992
Grenada	4 December 1992
Uruguay	19 December 1992

10. The list of 46 States parties whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention are due in 1993 appears in document CRC/C/8/Rev.2.

11. The list of 24 States parties whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention are due in 1994 appears in document CRC/C/11/Rev.2.

12. Under this item, the Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the States parties to the Convention and the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/18).

Item 8. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 44 of the Convention

13. A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the fourth session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Tentative time-table for consideration of reports of States parties

Wednesday, 22 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Indonesia	CRC/C/3/Add.10
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Thursday, 23 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Indonesia (cont'd)	
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Peru	CRC/C/3/Add.7
Friday, 24 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Peru (cont'd)	
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	

Monday, 27 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	El Salvador	CRC/C/3/Add.9
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Tuesday, 28 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	El Salvador (cont'd)	
Wednesday, 29 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Sudan	CRC/C/3/Add.3 and Add.20
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Thursday, 30 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Costa Rica	CRC/C/3/Add.8
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Friday, 1 October	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Costa Rica (cont'd)	
Tuesday, 5 October	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Rwanda	CRC/C/8/Add.1
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Wednesday, 6 October	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Rwanda (cont'd)	

14. In accordance with rule 68 of the provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Such representatives should be able to answer questions which may be put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their State, and may also submit further information from their State.

15. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and place of the fourth session of the Committee at which their respective reports will be examined and has invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports will be examined.

Item 9. World Conference on Human Rights

16. Under this item, the Committee will have before it the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (A/CONF.157/23) and the report of the meeting of international and regional human rights treaty bodies (A/CONF.157/TBB4).

Item 10. Question of indicators

17. Under this item, the Committee will continue to examine the issue of indicators that could contribute to a better assessment of the implementation of the Convention. It will have before it the report of the Expert Seminar on Appropriate Indicators to Measure Achievements in the Progressive Realization of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, held at Geneva from 25 to 29 January 1993 (A/CONF.157/PC/73).

Item 11. General discussion on "Protection of the child against economic exploitation"

18. At its second session, the Committee decided that at its fourth session a day of general discussion would be held on Monday, 4 October 1993, devoted to the topic of the protection of the child against economic exploitation, and agreed to invite interested bodies and agencies and individual experts to participate in that general discussion. Invitations were dispatched by the secretariat to relevant organizations and individuals on 3 March 1993.

Item 12. Methods of work of the Committee

19. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work.

20. The Committee may also wish to consider ways to strengthen further activities relating to the implementation of the Convention and enhancing cooperation with United Nations bodies and other competent bodies in relation to the rights of the child.

21. The Committee may further wish to consider the possibility of holding, in the course of 1994, an informal regional consultation in the African region.

Item 13. System of documentation and information

22. Under this item, the Committee may wish to continue discussing issues relating to the system of information and documentation relevant to the work of the Committee, including the question of computerization.

Item 14. Future meetings of the Committee

23. Under this item, the Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future meetings.

Item 15. Other matters

24. Under this item, members may wish to discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.